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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 April 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- a) ☒ entered.
  - b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
  - c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
  - d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
  - e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

  
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